TOWN OF SHEFFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 3, 2005 TOWN HALL

Board Members Present: Janet G. Stanton, Chairman

David D. Macy, Selectman Julie M. Hannum, Selectman

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator

Beverly A. Gilbert, Recording Secretary

James M. McGarry, Police Chief

Chairman Stanton called meeting to order at 7PM

Mount Washington Road

Selectman Macy moved to find that Mount Washington Road from a point 665 feet West of Undermountain Road to the Mount Washington town line has become abandoned and unused for ordinary travel and that the common convenience and necessity no longer requires Mount Washington Road from a point 665 feet West of Undermountain Road to the Mount Washington town line to be maintained in a condition reasonably safe and convenient for travel. The Board declares that the Town of Sheffield shall no longer be bound to keep Mount Washington Road from a point 665 feet West of Undermountain Road to the Mount Washington town line in repair. Julie Hannum seconded. ROLE CALL VOTE: Chairman Stanton, aye, Selectman Macy, aye and Selectman Hannum, aye.

Gravel Removal Consultant

Town Administrator Weitz reported on seeking quotes for the Gravel Removal Consultant. One of the four firms declined based on availability, and Mr. Weitz eliminated another firm due to the cost exceeding the allotted amount. Of the remaining two firms, in order to save money on travel costs, he recommended Tighe & Bond, Inc. located in Westfield (as opposed to Appledore Engineering pending positive reference checks. Discussion ensued whereby Selectman Hannum stated her preference to review the proposals, and with board agreement, Chairman Stanton announced that the board would conduct all other Selectmen business, have a brief recess to review the proposals, and return to meeting to vote on the consultant. After returning from executive session, Selectman Macy moved to hire Tighe & Bond, Inc. of Westfield to review Bob and Rose Cronk's gravel excavation permit application, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

Virtual Town Hall Contract

Selectman Macy moved to telephone Virtual Town Hall, Inc. to advise that the town will contract this firm for the development, and hosting of the Town's website, and the board will sign the contract when the town is ready to schedule the contractors to begin the 60 day period specified in the contract, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

Curb Cut Permit

<u>Selectman Macy moved to issue a street curb cut permit to Thomas Candee for a culvert and driveway at County Road, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.</u>

Halloween Hours

<u>Selectman Macy moved to set Halloween Trick or Treating Hours for Monday, October 31, 2005.</u> Selectman Hannum amended the motion to keep the hours to 5:30PM till 7:30PM but for

<u>Sunday, October 30, 2005 (same hours 5:30 till 7:30PM, Selectman Macy seconded the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.</u> The Board asked Beverly Gilbert to notify the school, and WSBS radio station.

Fuller Barn

Selectman Macy moved to approve a request for proposal/bids to cart away the Fuller barn (entire barn), and if no one is interested within 30 days of the of the advertisement, the board will issue a request for proposal for the demolition and removal of Fuller Barn, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Selectmen Items

Selectman Hannum gave a reminder about the Public Hearing scheduled on October 6th at 7:30PM relative to Robert and Rose Cronk's Gravel Excavation Permit application.

Selectman Hannum praised Debbie Segalla for donating an aerial picture of the center of town which she'd like to have framed and displayed in the Town Hall.

Public Comments

Don Worth and Nina Weber Worth served as representatives, and gave the board a petition signed by 49 people in the neighborhood, expressing concern about the high incidence of speeding, and safety on Hewins Street, and a list of suggestions for traffic calming on Hewins Street. They held discussion with the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief McGarrry. It was agreed that Police Chief McGarry will research and advise on this matter.

Executive Session re: Collective Bargaining

<u>Selectman Hannum moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining, seconded by Selectman Macy.</u> ROLE CALL VOTE: Chairman Stanton, aye, Selectman Macy, aye and Selectman Hannum, aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:35PM. The Board returned from the Executive Session and recess at 8:12PM.

<u>Selectman Hannum moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Stanton adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Gilbert Recording Secretary